

Abstract

The invention relates to a communications system comprising a transmitter (30) and a receiver (30) for transmitting transparent data over a connection (32) therebetween. The bandwidth (b_2) assigned
5 to the connection (32) is wider than the bandwidth (b_1) actually required by a nominal bit rate of the transparent data so as allow the use of a retransmitting protocol over the connection by enabling data transmission to stop and wait for retransmission of the incor-
rectly received frames while a transparent connection with a con-
stant delay and a constant bit rate and a low BER is provided to the
10 user. The incoming transparent data stream with a constant bit rate is buffered into a transmission buffer (300) and the frames received over the retransmitting connection (32) are buffered into a receiving
buffer (310) which outputs the transparent data at the constant
15 nominal bit rate.

(Figure 3)